

### Lenten Services & Lectures

During the Lenten period, on designated Friday's at 7:30 PM we shall have Lenten Services. The first Lenten Service will be on Friday, February 19. Schedules have been mailed.

### Adult Bible Study and Catechism Classes

Schedules for these classes have been mailed.

### Nairi Choir Gift and Booktique

For that special gift, stop by the **Nairi Choir Booktique**. Whether it's a CD, cassette, video, music tapes or books for young and old, it's available. The **Booktique** is open today and every Sunday following church services in the large hall.

### Women's Guild

The next business meeting of the Women's Guild will be held on Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> following the Fellowship Hour. Members who have not paid their 2010 dues are being reminded that dues of \$15.00 are to be paid at this meeting. The WG is off to a new and exciting season – Michink Dinner, one-day Lenten retreat, Sainly Women's Day and Palm Sunday Dinner. Can you knit or would you like to learn how to knit? Join for a **Knitting Bee** sponsored by the Women's Guilds of St. Gregory and St. James on Saturday, February 27 at 2:00 p.m. If interested, please call Raelene Ohanesian (224-764-2016) for further information. All women of the church are welcome to join the Women's Guild and participate in the meetings.

### When the Need Arises - Get in Touch With the Church Office

Before making any preparations, in choosing date and time for Weddings and Baptisms, please be sure to contact our pastor, Fr. Aren Jebejian. All Sacraments must be arranged at least three months ahead. Other church related matters, such as hospital and home visitations and counseling, should also be made first with Fr. Aren. In order to invite clergy from other churches, arrangements must be made through the church office.

**Fr. Aren can be reached this week at the Church Office on Mondays from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, February 15.....First Day of Lent  
Tuesday, February 16 .....Parish Council Meeting – 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday, February 21.....Sunday of the Expulsion  
..... Women's Guild Meeting following  
the Fellowship Hour  
Sunday, February 28.....Sunday of the Prodigal Son  
.....*Hokehankisd* service for the repose of soul for  
Rev. Fr. Vahram Hazarian, on the 40<sup>th</sup> day of  
his death.  
Saturday, March 6..... Women's Guild Lenten Retreat  
Sunday, March 7 .....Sunday of the Steward  
Saturday, March 13.....Sainly Women's Day  
.....Host: St. Gregory Women's Guild  
Sunday, March 14 .....Sunday of the Judge  
Sunday, March 21 .....Sunday of the Advent  
Sunday, March 28 .....PALM SUNDAY  
..... Women's Guild Palm Sunday Dinner

Church Attendance February 7: 45

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### Worship Hours

Morning Service – 10:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

## Presentation of the Lord to the Temple Great Barekandan

Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian

Pastor

February 14, 2010

<b>Lections:</b>	<b>The Epistle Reading:</b> <i>The Letter of Paul to the Romans 13:11-14:25-27 – Pages 148-150</i> <i>The Gospel According to Mathew 6:1-21 – Page 5</i>
<b>Readers:</b>	<b>Epistle:</b> Sunday School Student <b>Gospel:</b> Michelle Babikian
<b>Greeter:</b>	Gregory Tootoian

We bring attention to our parishioners that it is most inappropriate to enter the Sanctuary during:

- Reading of the Lections until the Creed is recited
- During Confession and Communion
- During the Sermon

**Please, wait in the vestibule until such time when it is proper to enter the Sanctuary.**

### **Welcome to Parishioners and Friends**

We happily welcome all who have come to worship on this **Presidents' Day** weekend along with the **Presentation of the Lord to the Temple** which happens to coincide with **Great Barkendan**, and we also have **Valentine's Day**. This year Great Lent begins on Monday, February 15. As we enter the weeks of Lent with special services, we hope that you have prepared your Lenten journey. It is the duty of every faithful member of the church to observe the Great Lenten period according to the teaching of the Armenian Church and to be prepared to spend more time cultivating your spiritual life, including: choosing to fast, praying more often, reading and studying the Bible, all of which leads us to the glorious Resurrection of Our Lord. In a spirit of love and friendship, we heartily ask that you join us each and every Sunday during the Lenten period for worship and fellowship.

### **Hokehankisd - Page 56 of the Divine Liturgy Book**

At the request of Ani and Hagop Dirilen, requiem prayers (Hokehankisd) will be offered this morning for the repose of soul for their son *Sevan Dirilen*.

### **Altar Flowers**

The flowers adorning the altar are given to the glory of God by Hagop and Ani Dirilen in memory of their son *Sevan Dirilen*.

### **Fellowship Hour**

Following church services, all are cordially invited to attend the *Fellowship Hour hosted by Ani & Hagop Dirilen in memory of Sevan Dirilen; hosted also by Sunday School parents and teachers for the benefit of the children of Haiti and the Gavar School in Armenia.*

### **Prayers for the Sick (Der Voghormia) – Page 45 of the Divine Liturgy Book**

Let us remember and ask God's Blessings for our parishioners who are ill at home, in a hospital or nursing home. Let us continue with our prayers for:

<i>Anthony Acquarulo</i>	<i>Jacob Hagopian</i>	<i>Tracy Russo</i>
<i>Betty Alberts</i>	<i>Shnorik Hitik</i>	<i>Dr. Hovhanes Sahagian</i>
<i>David Alloian</i>	<i>George Kazarian</i>	<i>Alyce Schaffer</i>
<i>Virginia Andrews</i>	<i>Takouhi Kazarian</i>	<i>Lisa Schaffer</i>
<i>Betty Balian</i>	<i>Grace Klujian</i>	<i>Sam Sommese</i>
<i>Julie Ashikian, CT</i>	<i>Benjamin Manoyan</i>	<i>Julie Tarpinian</i>
<i>Margaret Cholakian, CA</i>	<i>Josh Najarian Mendell, CA</i>	<i>Hovsep Utas</i>
<i>Eleanor Chavarrio</i>	<i>Virginia Nazlaian</i>	<i>Danny Wallace</i>
<i>Agnes Eghoian</i>	<i>Heghna (Helen) Paloian</i>	<i>Nancy Weiss</i>
<i>Jacob Hagopian</i>	<i>Marilyn Reibel</i>	

### **Prayer Request**

For those wishing to request **Requiem Service (Hokehankisd)**, special prayers or to enter a loved one's name on the prayer list, please call the church office by Thursday of that week.

### **Nicene Creed**

4Together, we shall recite the Nicene Creed (The Profession of Our Faith) on **pages 18-19** of the Divine Liturgy Book found in the pews.

### **Kiss of Peace – Pages 26-27 of the Divine Liturgy Book**

The person giving the greeting says:	The person receiving the greeting responds:
<b>Krisdos ee mech mer haydnetzav.</b> (Christ is revealed among us)	<b>Orhynal eh haydnootiunn Krisdosee.</b> (Blessed is the revelation of Christ)

### **Confession and Communion**

For those who wish to receive Holy Communion, we ask that they remain in their pews and together read "Confession and Absolution" on **pages 48-49 of the Divine Liturgy Book**. When taking communion, make the sign of the cross and say:

**I have sinned against God – Ø»Õ³Ū ²ëïáóíáŪ (Megha Asdoodzo)**

Ladies must have a head covering when approaching the Holy Altar.

### **"The Light of St. Gregory"**

Our thanks to **Nancy Weiss** for taking the responsibility of the cost of keeping the **"Light of St. Gregory"** illuminated for the month of February. May God grant her intent.

### **Congratulations**

Our belated "congratulations" to Jeffrey and Laura Wittmus on the baptism of their son **Jack Aren Wittmus** on Sunday, January 31, 2010. Godparents: Jonathan Wittmus and Belinda Rust.

### **Condolences**

We extend our condolences to the family of **Harry Seraydariian** who died on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. The wake and funeral services were held at St. Gregory Armenian Church, on Wednesday, February 10, officiated by Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian. Interment: Irving Park Cemetery.

### **New Arrival**

It's baby season! Congratulations to **Odie & Kelly Ippian Kako** who are the proud parents of a son Remsen **Odisho Kako** born on Sunday, February 7. Mother and baby Remsen are doing fine. We also extend our congratulations to the grandparents, Paul and Sylvia Ippian and all family members.

### **Children's Sermon**

Fr. Aren is preparing another spirited sermon for Sunday School students and attending children. The students will take a vital role in the activities of the Divine Liturgy by reading the lections, serving on the altar, singing with the Nairi Choir, distributing the collection plates and distributing "mahs."

### **Sunday School**

- Following services, in celebration of Mardi Gras (Poon Paregentan,) festivities will take place for an afternoon of fun before the start of Lent on Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.
- This year's Diocesan-wide Lenten Drive will benefit two worthwhile programs: The Children of Haiti and the Gavar School (devoted to the education of children 6-18 with mental and physical disabilities) in Armenia. Please give generously